

- 1 (canceled)
 2. (amended) The composite coupling of claim 21 ~~1~~ and wherein the coupling further comprises:
means for sealing the pipes in a restrained joint to maintain a pressurized flow between the pipes through the restrained joint.
 3. (original) The composite coupling of claim 2 and wherein the means for sealing the pipes includes providing a seal between each pipe and the interior surface of the coupling.
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 6. (amended) The composite coupling of claim 21 ~~1~~ and further comprising:
means to index a first pipe end so as to position a first complementary retainer groove coincident with the first retainer groove.
 7. (original) The composite coupling of claim 6 and further comprising:
means to index a second pipe end so as to position a second complementary retainer groove coincident with the second retainer groove.
 8. (original) The composite coupling of claim 7 and wherein the means to index the first complementary retainer groove with the first retainer groove is a pipe stop, the pipe stop limiting the depth of insertion of the first pipe into the first end of the composite coupling.
 9. (original) The composite coupling of claim 7 and wherein the means to index the second complementary retainer groove with the second retainer groove is a pipe stop, the pipe stop limiting the depth of insertion of the second pipe into the second end of the composite coupling.
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14. (amended) The composite coupling of claim 21 ~~1~~ and wherein the first port is tangential to the first retainer groove.
15. (amended) The composite coupling of claim 21 ~~1~~ and wherein the retainer grooves are circumferentially arranged about the axis of the cylinder.
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